

Public Lecture

**THE UN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
Reflections on a year as Chair**

to be given by

Mike Smith

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**Tuesday 31 August 2004
6.00pm**

Law Theatre
cnr Fellows and East Roads
The Australian National University

Mike Smith has been Ambassador in Geneva, responsible for both UN and disarmament affairs, since April 2003. Prior to this he was Chief of Staff to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Alexander Downer. He was elected Chair of the Commission on Human Rights in January this year, a post he holds for 12 months.

In this lecture he will outline the evolving role of the Commission, the peak human rights forum in the UN, in promoting and protecting human rights internationally and will reflect on ways it could do so more effectively. He will also discuss the role of the Chair of the Commission, drawing on his experiences chairing this year's session, in March-April.

The lecture is free and interested members of the public are invited to attend.

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